

## 2007 SENATE BILL 30

February 9, 2007 – Introduced by Senators RISSER, LASSA, ERPENBACH, LEHMAN, PLALE, ROESSLER, MILLER, SCHULTZ, DARLING and SULLIVAN, cosponsored by Representatives WASSERMAN, POCAN, BLACK, F. LASEE, POPE-ROBERTS, BOYLE, HINES, BERCEAU, ALBERS, HAHN, BIES, TOWNSEND, MOLEPSKE, OWENS, SHERIDAN, A. OTT, HILGENBERG, PARISI, MUSSER and MASON. Referred to Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Privacy.

1     **AN ACT to create** 253.16 of the statutes; **relating to:** permitting a mother to  
 2             breast-feed in any public or private location where she is otherwise authorized  
 3             to be.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, there are various prohibitions against lewd behavior or sexual gratification in public. Those prohibitions, however, do not apply to a mother's breast-feeding of her child. This bill permits a mother to breast-feed her child in any public or private location where she is otherwise authorized to be and prohibits any person from interfering with the right of a mother to breast-feed her child as provided in the bill. Because no penalty is expressed in the bill for interfering with that right, a person who interferes with that right is subject to a forfeiture not to exceed \$200 under the general penalty provision under current law.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

4             **SECTION 1.** 253.16 of the statutes is created to read:  
 5             **253.16 Right to breast-feed.** A mother may breast-feed her child in any  
 6             public or private location where the mother is otherwise authorized to be. No person

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1 may interfere with the right of a mother to breast-feed her child as provided in this  
2 section.

3 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

4 (1) RIGHT TO BREAST-FEED. This act first applies to acts occurring on the effective  
5 date of this subsection.

6 (END)